

[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

Public Instruction recommended under date the 19th July 1926, that one of the Demonstratorships in Botany be converted into an Assistant Professorship in Botany. This recommendation was sanctioned by the Government under date the 14th September 1926.

(b) The Principal of the College recommended under date the 7th September 1926 to the Director the appointment of two additional Demonstrators; but the latter recommended to the Government under date the 23rd September 1926, the appointment of one additional Demonstrator. This recommendation was vetoed by the Government under date 18th October 1926. Subsequently, in the Budget Estimate for 1103, the Director made provision for the appointment of an additional Demonstrator in Botany and this provision was allowed and the appointment of an additional Demonstrator sanctioned under date the 12th September 1927.

(c) The Government have no information.

Circular to Assistant Conservators of Forests re their powers of appointment.

75. MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Conservator of Forests has issued any circular to the Assistant Conservators depriving them of their legitimate powers of appointment and stating that he would himself make such appointments; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*).

(a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a), the question does not arise.

Supply of Text-Books.

76. MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when the text-books for Vernacular Schools were sent to the offices of the Assistant Inspectors this school year (1928-29); and

(b) whether the requisite number of books have been sent to each school?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) A statement* showing the dates on which copies of the Government Malayalam Readers were delivered from the office of the Director of Public Instruction to the persons deputed by the Assistant Inspectors to take charge of them, is laid on the table.

(b) When the books are available for sale at the offices of the Assistant Inspectors, pupils purchase copies either direct or through

*Vide Appendix III—page 466.